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National Intelligence Officers

MEMORANDUM FOR: Presidential Briefing Coordinator
FROM: [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: National Intelligence Officer for China
Presidential Briefing Topic on China
REFERENCE: Your Memorandum dated 13 November 1978
Subject: Possible Presidential Briefing Topic

1. In response to your suggestion that we prepare a DCI briefing on the "Meaning of and Prospects for China's Opening to the West", I have these thoughts:

-- Yes, it is something we can do and it should be done in December 1978.

-- Ten - fifteen minutes should be sufficient. Five minutes in a pinch.

-- The President, Vice President and Dr. Brzezinski could benefit from such a briefing.

2. Our briefing should cover:

-- The chance of success or failure of the opening to the West.

-- How it affects the Chinese leadership in terms of its power struggles and its stability.

-- And how might a change in Chinese leadership affect the policy of opening to the West.

-- What might happen to the Chinese social structure as result of increased exposure to the West.

-- What leverage and risks are there for the U.S.

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